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**NOBU RESTAURANT AT CITY OF DREAMS MANILA
INTRODUCES NEW HEAD SUSHI CHEF**



Chef Keiichi Hirukawa

August 14, 2019 – Nobu Restaurant at City of Dreams Manila welcomes Chef Keiichi Hirukawa, new Head Sushi Chef, who, along with Head Chef Michael de Jesus, is set to captivate diners with diverse offerings, both innovative and iconic to the globally renowned brand.

Born in Tokyo, Japan and raised in Florida, USA, Chef Keiichi started his career with Nobu two years ago at Nobu Malibu, considered one of the signature restaurants of the fast growing eponymous brand of Chef Nobu Matsuhisa.

Chef Keiichi brings with him a wealth of more than 20 years of experience as Sushi Chef in various US-based Japanese restaurants. With a father as a chef and an uncle who manages a Japanese restaurant, the kitchen is no stranger to Chef Keiichi, who worked his way up from helping as a dishwasher to a head chef or sushi chef in the restaurants he worked into.

He carved his career as Sushi Chef in Kiyoshi's Japanese Restaurant in Florida from 1998 to 2006; and as a co-owner and Head Chef at Florida's Kanpai Sushi and Sake Bar from 2007 to 2010. He also served as a Head Chef in California's Wokcano from 2010 to 2014, and in Cho Cho San from 2014 to 2016. Chef Keiichi's culinary career also led him to be the Sushi



Chef at The Izakaya by Katsuya from 2015 to 2017 before finding his way to Nobu Malibu as the Sushi Chef from 2017 to early parts of 2019, immediately before joining Nobu Manila.

As Nobu Manila's Head Sushi Chef, he intends to create signature dishes unique to Nobu Manila by melding Filipino ingredients and methods into iconic Nobu-style dishes -- providing an exciting and distinctive dining experience catering to both the local and international palate.

"My vision is to create Nobu dishes that you can only eat in Manila," says Chef Keiichi. For this month's Omakase menu, he introduces two sushi creations infused with local flavors: the Salmon in Coconut Milk, a medley of thinly sliced fresh salmon, coconut milk, bits of pineapple, ginger, green chili, onion leeks, and a drizzle of amazu; and Yellowtail Sashimi Salad with peanut, *bagoong* (shrimp paste), celery, and mixed greens.

His creations will be interesting additions to the renowned and popular Nobu sushi and signature dishes that are staples in Nobu menus around the globe, such as: Black Cod Miso, Nobu Style Tiradito, New Style Sashimi, Toro Tartar with Caviar, Yellowtail Sashimi with Jalapeno, Rock Shrimp Tempura, Squid Pasta, Sashimi Salad, and Beef Tobanyaki, and Bento Box Dessert.

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About Nobu Hospitality:

Named one of luxury's 25 Most Innovative Brands by Robb Report, Nobu Hospitality is ranked among an elite selection of global luxury brands. The natural growth of Nobu Hospitality, built on service, image, and reputation, offers the complete spectrum of hotel, restaurant and residence management for unique projects around the world. Founded by Nobu Matsuhisa, Robert De Niro and Meir Teper, with operations spanning five continents, the Nobu brand thrives in the world's capitals as the ultimate destination lifestyle experience. Nobu Hotels have been awarded an array of accolades, including Hottest New Hotels by CNN Travel, Wallpaper Best Urban Hotel, Top North America Hotel Opening by Luxury Travel Advisor, and Luxury Travel Advisor's Award of Excellence. The first Nobu Hotel opened in 2013 as a boutique hotel within Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Nobu Hotel City of Dreams Manila opened in 2014, Nobu Hotel Miami Beach in 2016 and the Nobu Ryokan Malibu, Nobu Hotel London Shoreditch, Nobu Hotel Ibiza Bay and Nobu Hotel Palo Alto opened in 2017 and Nobu Hotel Marbella opened in 2018. Nobu Hotel Los Cabos launched in early 2019, with Barcelona and Chicago set to follow later in the year. Nobu Hotels are in development for London Portman Square, Riyadh, Toronto, São Paulo, Atlanta, Tel Aviv and Warsaw. Nobu is strategically focused on further expanding its global portfolio of hotels through a solid development pipeline. www.nobuhospitality.com. Follow us on Instagram @NobuHotels

About City of Dreams Manila

The luxury integrated casino resort City of Dreams Manila marks the formal entry of Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited into the fast-growing and dynamic tourism industry in the Philippines. Officially opened in February 2015, City of Dreams Manila is operated by Melco



Resorts Leisure (PHP) Corporation, a subsidiary of Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation.

The dynamic and innovative resort complex, located on an approximately 6.2-hectare site at the gateway to Entertainment City in Parañaque, includes the ultimate in entertainment, hotel, retail and dining and lifestyle experiences with aggregated gaming space, including VIP and mass-market gaming facilities with approximately 380 gaming tables, 2,300 slot machines and 1,280 electronic table games.

The integrated resort features three luxury hotel brands: Nüwa Manila, ranked Five-Star by Forbes Travel Guide in 2018 and 2019 which also named it one of the World's Most Luxurious Hotels in 2018, and Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star awardees Nobu and Hyatt Regency, more than 20 impressive restaurants and bars, and distinctive entertainment venues, including: the family entertainment center DreamPlay, the world's first DreamWorks-themed interactive play space and The Garage, a VR Zone and food park.

City of Dreams Manila delivers an unparalleled entertainment and hospitality experience to the Philippines and is playing a key role in strengthening the depth and diversity of Manila's leisure, business and tourism offering, enhancing its growing position as one of Asia's premier leisure destinations. For more information, please visit cityofdreamsmanila.com.

About Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation

Integrated casino developer Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation is a subsidiary of Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited (NASDAQ:"MLCO"), the developer, owner and operator of casino gaming and entertainment casino resort facilities in Asia and Europe. It developed City of Dreams Manila, which is managed and operated by Melco Resorts Leisure (PHP) Corporation.

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